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SUBJECT: SAO PAULO PRESS REACTION ON CARTER VISIT

1. FOLHA DE SAO PAULO BANNERED ON FRONT PAGE MARCH 1 "JIMMY CARTER INVITES DOM PAULO FOR A CONVERSATION." BRIEF STORY RELATES THAT CARDINAL ARNS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER ASKING IF THE CARDINAL "HAD AN HOUR ON HIS AGENDA" WHEN HE COULD RECEIVE PRESIDENT. STORY SPECULATES THAT MEETING SHOULD OCCUR IN RIO, SINCE PRESIDENT IS NOT COMING TO SAO PAULO ARTICLE RECALLS PREVIOUS MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO AT NOTRE-DAME, AND NOTES THAT PRESIDENT MAY MEET WITH OPPOSITION PERSONALITIES IN RIO, WHERE SPECIAL PROGRAM IS BEING WORKED OUT "UNDER THE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF WASHINGTON", STORY SAYS THAT DETAILS OF CARTER'S PROGRAM WILL BE SET NEXT WEEK, DURING VISIT OF ADVANCE PARTY, AND THAT SOME ITEMS ON SCHEDULE WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH GOB OFFICIALS. ARTICLE NOTED THAT RAIMUNDO FAORO, PRESIDENT OF BRAZILIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, HAD NOT YET BEEN CONTACTED.

2. CONSERVATIVE O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO'S (MARCH1) EVANDRO PARANAGUA UNDER TILE "HUMAN RIGHTS, TODAY AND FOREVER" SAYS: "CARTER IS ARRIVING. WITH HIS COMING THE PREOCUPATION OF THE GOB WITH THE TWO THEMES THAT HAVE PROVOKED DISSENTION BETWEEN
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BRASILIA AND WASHINGTON--NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS--ARE REVIVED. IF ACCESS TO THE COMPLETE CYCLE OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS ABLE TO COVER THE POORLY DISGUISED INTENTIONS OF HEGEMONY AND THE BATTLE FOR PRESERVATION OF MARKETS THROUGH THE MAINTENANCE OF A TECHNOLOGICAL GAP BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS AND DEVELOPING NATIONS, WHICH WOULD PREMPTORILY INVALIDATE THE U.S. POSITION AS SEEN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF BRA-

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ZILIAN INTERESTS. THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS VERY DIFFERENT.
IT ENCOMPASSES, CERTAINLY, ONE OF THE GREATEST CONTRADICTIONS
OF THE '64 REVOLUTION (BRAZIL) AND THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS
NO EXCEPTION TO THE RULE. THE INCONTESTABLE PROGRESS IN THAT
DELICATE SECTOR, UNDER THE GEISEL GOVERNMENT, CANNOT BE QUESTIO-
NED, FOR DENYING THAT WOULD BE TO DENY THE EVIDENCE...TO BLASE
U.S. AND GERMANY JOURNALISTS...IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN
WHY AN ORGANIZATION CALLED COUNCIL FOR THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN
RIGHTS HAS NOT MET FOR YEARS. OR, MORE EXACTLY, IT WILL NOT
BE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN, BUT TO BE CONVINCING BECAUSE THE DE-
GREE OF MINIFORMATION AND ILL-WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS IN
RELATIONS TO THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT CAN EXIST IN CERTAIN MEASU-
RE, BUT THERE ALWAYS WILL BE THE COMPENSATION OF BROAD FREEDOM
FOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY, WITHOUT FEAR OF ANY KIND OF REPRISAL
EXCEPT FOR THE LEGAL RULES CONCERNING PRESS OFFENSES.

FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION, CARTER'S
VISIT (TO BRAZIL) AND GEISEL'S TRIP TO GERMANY, PRESENT GOOD
OPPORTUNITIES FOR BRAZIL TO REMAKE THE HEGELIAN IMAGE IT HAS
PROJECTED TO THE WORLD, ON THE SUBJECT OG HUMAN RIGHTS, TH-
ROUGH THE ACTIONS AND COMMISSIONS OF ITS SUCCESSIVE REVOLUTIONARY GO-
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